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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN CGHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties and inconveniences being faced by the CGHS beneficiaries due to shortage of medicines in the CGHS dispensaries; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of medicines in the CGHS dispensaries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Adequate quantity of medicines are available in CGHS dispensaries and there is no shortage. However, any drug prescribed by the Specialists and not available in the dispensary is made available to the beneficiaries from the Authorised local chemist on the basis of individual prescriptions. In case of emergency, authority slip is issued to the beneficiaries for immediate procurement directly from the authorised local chemist without any payment, so that the beneficiaries are not inconvenienced.

Indents have already been placed for procurement of medicines from HSCC and MSO on the basis of requirement given by the CGHS dispensaries to ensure adequate supply of medicines.

(b): In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.